

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (**currently amended**) A Kkeyboard, ~~preferably for cashier registers, with~~ comprising:

a housing ~~(1)~~ for receiving:

~~— a keypad (5)~~

~~— associated keyboard electronic circuitry (8)~~

~~— at least one card reader, with a slot for guiding a card, along with auxiliary components (19), characterized in that:~~

a keypad;

associated keyboard electronic circuitry; and

at least one card reader, with a slot for guiding a card,

along with auxiliary components,

wherein the housing ~~(1)~~ is formed of one piece of material ~~to include~~ thereby forming an upper housing shell ~~(2)~~ and an S-shaped lower housing shell ~~(3)~~ whose backside joins the upper housing shell ~~(2)~~ seamlessly, and

wherein the upper housing shell ~~(2)~~ supports the keypad ~~(5)~~ and the keyboard electronic circuitry ~~(8)~~ and the lower housing shell ~~(3)~~ contains the auxiliary components ~~(19)~~ that are electrically coupled via plug couplings ~~(15)~~ with the keyboard electronic circuitry ~~(8)~~, the plug couplings ~~(15)~~ extending from

the upper housing shell (2) into the lower housing shell (3).

2. (**currently amended**) The keyboard ~~of~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a backside of the lower housing shell (3) has a rising (3.2) into which a magnetic-card reader (11) comprising at least one card reader is integrated, the backside (3.1) defining the slot as a slot-shaped guide (10) for guiding the magnetic card.

B2 3. (**currently amended**) The keyboard ~~of~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a backside of the lower housing shell (3) has a rising (3.2) into which a chip-card reader (13), comprising at least one card reader is integrated, the backside (3.1) defining the slot as a slot-shaped opening (12) for guiding a chip card in this area.

4. (**currently amended**) The keyboard ~~of~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the backside of the lower housing shell (3) has a rising (3.2) into which a magnetic-card reader (11) and a chip-card reader (13) are integrated, with the backside (3.1) forming the slot as a slot-shaped guide (10) for guiding a magnetic card and a slot-shaped receptacle opening (12) for guiding a chip

card.

5. (**currently amended**) The keyboard ~~of~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the keypad (5) is point-supported in the upper housing shell (3) by sleeves (4) and is releasably attached to the keyboard housing (1).

6. (**currently amended**) The keyboard ~~of~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the keyboard electronic circuitry (8) is releasably attached in the upper housing shell (2) below the keypad (5) via further sleeves (7).

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7. (**currently amended**) The keyboard ~~of~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lower housing shell (3) is closed by a cover (16).

8. (**currently amended**) The keyboard ~~of~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the keyboard housing (1) is a resinous-plastic injection-molded part.

9. (new) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the keyboard is for a cashier register.

10. (new) The keyboard according to claim 9, wherein the cashier register is a point of sale terminal.

11. (new) A keyboard housing comprising:

an upper shell portion having inclined members for receiving a keypad thereon such that the keypad is inclined during operation thereof;

a lower shell portion for attachably receiving additional electrical components;

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cont. a cover removably fixed to the lower shell portion; and

a rising portion formed as a slot-shaped guide for a magnetic-card reader or a chip-card reader,

wherein the upper shell portion, the lower shell portion and the rising are integrally molded such that the keyboard housing is formed as one-piece.
